

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/007,885

Examiner

Mark Halpern

Applicant(s)

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**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief received 7/24/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 22-40.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

1) The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The primary reason for allowance is that the cited prior art does not show: an aqueous sol containing silica-based particles, which sol has an S-value in the range claimed, a molar ratio of  $\text{SiO}_2$  to  $\text{M}_2\text{O}$ , M being alkali metal or ammonium, within the range claimed, a silica-based particles of specific surface area in the range claimed, and a viscosity within the range claimed (claim 1); an aqueous sol containing silica-based particles, which sol has an S-value in the range claimed, a silica content by weight claimed, a silica-based particles of specific surface area in the range claimed, and a viscosity within the range claimed (claim 29); an aqueous sol containing silica-based particles, which sol has an S-value in the range claimed, a silica content by weight claimed, a silica-based particles of specific surface area in the range claimed, a molar ratio of  $\text{SiO}_2$  to  $\text{M}_2\text{O}$ , M being alkali metal or ammonium, within the range claimed, a pH claimed, and a viscosity within the range claimed (claim 35); an aqueous sol containing silica-based particles, which sol has an S-value in the range claimed, a silica content by weight claimed, a molar ratio of  $\text{SiO}_2$  to  $\text{M}_2\text{O}$ , M being alkali metal or ammonium, within the range claimed, a silica-based particles of specific surface area in the range claimed, the sol being modified by an aluminum-containing compound and a viscosity within the range claimed (claim 39).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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2) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Halpern whose telephone number is 571-272-1190.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Halpern", with a stylized, flowing script.

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